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## MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

### ORDER

New Delhi, the 13th September 1958

**G.S.R. 818 A.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*—(1) This Order may be called the Rice (Northern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1958.

(2) It extends to the State of Punjab and the Union territories of Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “export” means to take or cause to be taken out of any place within the Northern Zone to any place outside it;

(b) “import” means to take or cause to be taken into any place within the Northern Zone from any place outside it;

(c) “Northern Zone” means the territory comprising the State of Punjab and the Union territories of Himachal Pradesh and Delhi;

(d) “rice” includes paddy and products of rice and paddy other than husk and bran;

(e) “State Government” means the Government of the State of Punjab or the Administrator of the Union territory of Himachal Pradesh or of Delhi within their respective jurisdiction.

3. *Restrictions on export and import of rice.*—(1) No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of rice from any place within the Northern Zone except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government concerned or any officer authorized in this behalf by that Government.

(2) No person shall import or attempt to import or abet the import of rice into any place within the Northern Zone except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government concerned or any officer authorized in this behalf by that Government:

Provided that nothing contained in sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall apply to the export of rice from and import of rice into any place within the Northern Zone—

- (i) not exceeding five seers in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or
- (ii) on Government account; or
- (iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

**4. Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.**—(1) Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorized in this behalf by the State Government concerned or the Central Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (i) stop and search, or authorize any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or capable of being used for the export or import of rice;
- (ii) enter and search or authorize any person to enter and search any place;
- (iii) seize or authorize the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened along with the packages, coverings, or receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such article and thereafter take or authorize the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

(2) The provisions of sections 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

**5. Repeal.**—The following Orders are hereby repealed, namely:—

- (i) The Punjab Rice (Movement Control) Order, 1957;
- (ii) The Amritsar and Gurdaspur Districts Rice (Export Control) Order, 1957; and
- (iii) The Delhi Rice (Export Control) Order, 1958.

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